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#### List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73

Radio broadcasting.

Federal Communications Commission.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

#### 49 CFR Part 571

[Docket No. 95-93, Notice 4]

#### Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Accelerator Control Systems

**AGENCY:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice of change in date of technical workshop.

**SUMMARY:** On March 7, 1997, NHTSA published a notice announcing a technical workshop on the accelerator control system safety standard. In this document, NHTSA changes the date of the workshop to May 20, 1997.

#### DATES:

*Statement of intent to participate in technical workshop:* Those persons wishing to provide oral comments at the workshop should contact Mr. Patrick Boyd (at the address given below) no later than May 19, 1997.

*Technical workshop:* The workshop will be held on May 20, 1997, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

*Written comments:* Written comments on the subject matter of the workshop are due June 20, 1997.

#### ADDRESSES:

*Technical workshop:* The workshop will be held in Room 2201 at the U.S. Department of Transportation building, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. Should building maintenance make Room 2201 unavailable, the workshop will be held in Room 3200.

*Written comments:* Written comments concerning the subject matter of the technical workshop should refer to the docket number and notice number cited at the beginning of this notice, and be submitted to: Docket Section, Room

5109, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590. (Docket hours are from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.) It is requested, but not required, that 10 copies of the comment be provided.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

*For technical issues:* Mr. Patrick Boyd, Office of Crash Avoidance Standards, NPS-21, telephone (202) 366-6346.

*For legal issues:* Ms. Dorothy Nakama, Office of Chief Counsel, NCC-20, (202) 366-2992.

Both may be reached at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Room 5320, Washington, DC 20590. Written comments should not be sent to these persons, but should be mailed to the Docket Section.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

In a **Federal Register** document of March 7, 1997 (62 FR 10514), NHTSA announced a public workshop to be held on March 24, 1997, to discuss electronic accelerator control technology and potential methods of assuring its fail-safe performance. On May 13, the American Automobile Manufacturers Association (AAMA) asked NHTSA to postpone the workshop for sixty days. AAMA asked for the additional time because the proposed date of March 24 "does not allow manufacturers adequate time to prepare for the workshop and provide meaningful input." NHTSA also received several oral requests for more time by interested parties.

NHTSA is interested in receiving well-informed and well-reasoned views from the participants in its technical workshop and believes that more preparation time will enhance the quality of participation. Therefore, it grants AAMA's request for more time. The new date of the technical workshop is May 20, 1997. The workshop's location is announced in the **ADDRESSES** section at the beginning of this document. The workshop will begin at 10 a.m.

As stated in its March 7, 1997 document, NHTSA wishes workshop participants to discuss:

(1) The principles of operation of existing and potential electronic accelerator control systems for gasoline and diesel engines;

(2) The principles of operation of existing and potential means of providing fail-safe performance in the event of loss of accelerator control by the primary system; and

(3) Suggestions for regulatory requirements that will assure the fail-

safe performance of electronic accelerator control systems.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### 50 CFR Part 660

[Docket No. 970311053-7053-01; I.D. 020397B]

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#### Fisheries off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Amendment 9

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS issues this proposed rule to implement Amendment 9 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery (FMP). Amendment 9 would require a sablefish endorsement on limited entry permits for permit holders to participate in the regular limited entry fixed gear sablefish fishery north of 36°N. lat. (the U.S.-Vancouver, Columbia, Eureka, and Monterey management areas). The intended effect of this proposed sablefish endorsement is to promote safety, stability, and economic viability of the sablefish fishery by limiting or reducing harvesting capacity in the Pacific Coast sablefish fishery. This rule also would eliminate limited entry permit "B" endorsement language that expired January 1, 1997. Elimination of "B" endorsement language is a routine update of the Pacific Coast groundfish regulations.

**DATES:** Comments on the proposed rule must be received on or before May 5, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on the proposed rule, Amendment 9, or supporting documents should be sent to Mr. William Stelle, Administrator, Northwest Region, NMFS, Sand Point Way NE., BIN C15700, Seattle, WA 98115-0070; or to Mr. William Hogarth, Acting Administrator, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213.

Copies of Amendment 9, the Environmental Assessment (EA) and the